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Make Your Vote Count! Please read the explanations presented here to help

1. Should the number of terms an individual can serve as Mayor be limited to two full consecutive four-year terms?

Present: No limit on number of terms.

If proposal passes:

- Person may serve no more than two full consecutive four-year terms.
- Person may serve more than two terms if "sits out" a term.

2. Should the number of terms an individual can serve as Council member be limited to two full consecutive four-year terms?

Present: No limit on terms.

If proposal passes:

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would be eliminated. Instead, the Planning I
would provide staff support.

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apply to both use variances and area variances.
- Planning Commission would be required to
proposals to amend the General Plan, Develop
and zoning ordinances "in a timely manner."
- Charter would formalize the transfer of the a
grant zoning variances from the Zoning Board
to the Director of Land Utilization.

6. Should the Division of Wastewater Managemen
rated from the Department of Public works an
departmental status?

Each Councilmember represents a district. There are 21 districts that make up the island of Oahu. If a Councilmember is elected at-large, that is, by voters of the entire island to represent the entire island.

If proposal passes:

- Four Councilmembers would be elected at-large.
- Five Councilmembers would be elected by districts, but the districts would be much larger than current districts.

4. Should Honolulu have nonpartisan elections?

Present: Candidates for Mayor and Council may run as members of political parties. Candidates for Prosecutor must run on a nonpartisan basis, that is, without party label.

If proposal passes:

- Candidates for Mayor and Council also would be required to run on a nonpartisan basis.

5. Should the development plan and zoning process be reformed?

Present:

- Development Plan maps are so detailed that they are very similar to zoning maps, and procedures to amend both maps are very similar.
- All proposals to amend the Development Plans are processed at the same time in an annual review.
- Only the Chief Planning Officer may propose General Plan and Development Plan amendments.
- Only the Director of Land Utilization may propose zoning amendments.
- The Chief Planning Officer is not required to prepare any sort of report on the condition of the city.
- The Executive Planning Committee is set up to assist the Department of General Planning.
- An executive secretary is provided to the Planning Commission.
- It is not clear whether all three tests of hardship for zoning variances apply to both use variances and area variances.
- No time limit exists for Planning Commission to review proposals to amend the General Plan, Development Plans, and zoning ordinances.
- Authority to grant zoning variances has been transferred administratively from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Director of Land Utilization under authority granted to the Mayor to reorganize certain City functions.

If proposal passes:

- Processing time for land use changes should be reduced.
- Development plan maps would be more conceptual and less detailed.
- Individual projects would be reviewed at the zoning level.
- The Chief Planning Officer would be required to prepare a report every two years on the condition of the city in terms of the General Plan and Development Plans and recommending revisions to these plans.
- The Chief Planning Officer would be required to adopt procedures to process revisions to the General Plan and Development Plans.
- Zoning amendments proposed by the Council would be processed in the same manner as if proposed by the Director of Land Utilization.
- The Executive Planning Committee would be abolished.
- The executive secretary of the Planning Commission

separate from the Department of Public Works.

7. Should Councilmembers be allowed to abstain from voting on issues if a financial conflict of interest exists and they may personally gain or lose money?

Present: Councilmembers must vote on all issues. This decision has been made by the Council since the Charter does not say anything about this matter.

If proposal passes:

- Councilmembers may decide not to vote (abstain) on issues where they stand to personally gain or lose money.

8. Should the Mayor be allowed to transfer any amount of appropriated funds within a department without Council approval?

Present: Mayor may transfer without Council approval up to \$500,000 or 10 percent of a department's budget, whichever is less. Anything over that amount requires Council approval.

If proposal passes:

- Mayor would be able to transfer any amount of money within a department without Council approval.

9. Should the Council be limited from proposing Charter amendments during the Charter Commission's review of the Charter, and also two years before and after that review?

Present: Council may propose Charter amendments at any general election.

If proposal passes:

- Council would not be able to propose Charter amendments at the same time as the Charter Commission.
- Council would be able to propose Charter amendments two years before and two years after the Charter Commission presents its proposals, but only with the Mayor's approval.

10. Should Council confirmation of the Managing Director be eliminated?

Present: Person nominated by Mayor to be Managing Director must be confirmed by the Council.

If proposal passes:

- Person nominated for Managing Director would not have to be confirmed by the Council.

11. Should department heads be allowed to serve prior to Council confirmation?

Present: Charter does not say whether a person nominated as a department head may serve before being confirmed by the Council.

If proposal passes:

- Charter would have a process allowing a person nominated as a department head to serve until the Council decides to confirm or not.

12. Should the prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu be granted the authority to appoint special assistants without the mayor's approval?

Present: Prosecutor must receive the approval of the Mayor in appointing special assistants.

If proposal passes:

- Prosecutor would not need the approval of the Mayor in appointing special assistants.

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11: **July 11, 2006 - Attachment B** Issues: This decision has been made by the Council since the Charter does not say anything about this matter.

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25: Should the prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Tulsa be granted the authority to appoint special assistants without the mayor's approval?

26: Prosecutor must receive the approval of the Mayor in appointing special assistants.

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27: The Mayor would not need the approval of the Mayor in appointing special assistants.

initiate the impeachment of the Mayor or any District Councilmember.

If proposal passes:

- 5,000 signatures would be required on a petition to initiate the impeachment of the Mayor.
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15. Should the number of signatures required on a petition for recall or initiative be changed from a basis of "total votes cast" to "total registered voters"?

Present: Both recall and initiative petitions require the signatures of 10 percent of the total number of "votes cast" in the last general election.

If proposal passes:

- Both recall and initiative petitions would require the signatures of 10 percent of the total number of "registered voters" at the time of the last general election.

16. Should the Charter be amended to require A) that the qualifications of the Health Director include a background in emergency medical services; and B) that the qualifications of the Medical Examiner comply with State statutes?

Present:

- The Health Director is required to be a physician.
- The Charter does not say that the Medical Examiner must meet State qualifications.

If proposal passes:

- The Health Director would be required to have a background in emergency medical services and administrative experience rather than to be a physician.
- The Charter would say that the Medical Examiner must meet State qualifications.

17. Should the reapportionment plan become effective at the next election rather than at the time it is filed?

Present: The reapportionment plan is effective when filed (January). The Charter gives the wrong impression that a Councilmember dislocated from a district due to reapportionment may not continue to serve.

If proposal passes:

- The reapportionment plan would be effective at the following primary election when all Councilmembers are elected (September).
- The Charter would clarify that a Councilmember dislocated from a district due to reapportionment may continue to serve.

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Counts!

92 CHARTER ISSUES

Will Affect Everyone's Future



Your vote CAN make a difference!

Please Vote On Tuesday, November 3rd.

The Honolulu City Charter is Honolulu's "constitution," laying out the rules by which our City government operates.

Copies of the revised Charter language are available at the Charter Commission Office as well as the Office of the City Clerk. For further information, please contact the Charter Commission Office at 527-6101.

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13. Should the Salary Commission set the salaries of appointed officials; as well as elected officials, subject to Council veto by a super majority vote (7 out of 9 votes) and should the procedures pertaining to the Salary Commission be clarified?

Present:

- Salaries which are set by the Salary Commission are not reviewable by the Council.
- Salary Commission sets the salaries of elected officials only.
- Charter and ordinance procedures relating to the Salary Commission are unclear.

If proposal passes:

- All salaries will be subject to review and rejection by a super majority of the Council.
- Salary Commission would set the salaries of appointed officials in addition to elected official.
- Salary Commission procedures would be clarified.